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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ON MAY 9, ISRAEL, LUECKER, AND GATTI OF FAA TOOK ADVANTAGE OF OTHER TRAVEL TO MEET NEWLY APPOINTED SPANISH AIR MINISTRY OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH REFERENCE PROJECT AND TO ANSWER SOME PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS. IN RESPONSE TO SPANISH CONCERN RE TOTAL PRICE OF PROJECT, FAA OFFICIALS AGREED WITHIN TWO WEEKS TO SEND REVISED PROPOSAL WITH LOWER OVERALL COST. SPANISH ALSO CONCERNED THAT PROPOSAL CONTAIN LATEST POSSIBLE TECHNOLOGY AND WERE AMPLY REASSURED ON THAT POINT. COURTESY CALL ON UNDERSECRETARY MONTEL ELICITED CONCERN FOR SPARE PARTS. END SUMMARY

2. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF TRAVEL ELSEWHERE, ACTING ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR DAVID ISRAEL AND MESSRS. GEORGE LUECKER AND JOSEPH GATTI OF FAA'S INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF, CALLED ON TECHNICAL SECRETARY GENERAL
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COLONEL RAMON BALDRICH, NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AIRPORTS

ABUNDIO CESTEROS, AND HIS ALSO NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY ANGEL MONDOZA ON MAY 9.

3. PRICE WAS FIRST MATTER OF CONCERN TO SPANISH GROUP. THEY BELIEVED FAA HAD OFFERED TO DO COMPARABLE WORK ELSEWHERE AT LESS COST. FAA REPS POINTED TO INEVITABLE INFLATION AND FACT OTHER WORK IN OTHER COUNTRIES NOT NECESSARILY COMPARABLE TO SITUATION IN SPAIN. HOWEVER, FAA REPS AGREED SEND MODIFIED PROPOSAL WITH LOWER OVERALL COSTS.

4. COLONEL BALDRICH WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN ASSURING HIS GOVT THAT THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY WOULD RESULT FROM ANY ATC SYSTEM THE FAA WOULD ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTING. HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE ATC SYSTEM AT SALT LAKE CITY, THE BASIS FOR FAA'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOS, IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT AT MADRID. HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE ASSURED THAT ATC SYSTEMS IN USE IN THE US CAN AND ARE MODIFIED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LATEST IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STATE OF THE ART AS WELL AS TO ADAPT TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. IN RESPONSE TO SPANISH QUESTIONS, FAA REPS STATED THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE THEIR COLLEAGUES STATIONED HERE WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THEIR SPANISH COUNTERPARTS. SPANISH REPS AT MEETING CONCERNED THAT THEIR COLLEAGUES BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH ALL PHASES OF THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION IN ORDER THAT THEY HAVE A KNOWLEDGEABLE, WELL-TRAINED STAFF TO OPERATE THE SYSTEM WHEN IT IS COMPLETED. FAA REPS SAID WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE THAT US-SPANISH COOPERATION KEPT CLOSE AS POSSIBLE AT ALL TIMES.

6. GROUP THEN TAKEN TO CALL ON LT. GEN. ARTURO MONTEL, UNDERSECRETARY OF CIVIL AVIATION, SINCE ISRAEL HAD NOT YET MET THAT SPANISH OFFICIAL. AFTER SOME SOCIAL AMENITIES, HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SPARE PARTS COULD BE GUARANTEED FOR TEN YEARS, TO WHICH ISRAEL AGREED.
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